

Thomas	Udall (NM)	Weiner
Thompson (CA)	Upton	Weldon (FL)
Thompson (MS)	Velazquez	Weller
Thornberry	Visclosky	Wexler
Thune	Vitter	Whitfield
Thurman	Walden	Wicker
Tiahrt	Walsh	Wilson (NM)
Tiberi	Wamp	Wolf
Tierney	Waters	Woolsey
Toomey	Watkins (OK)	Wu
Towns	Watt (NC)	Wynn
Turner	Watts (OK)	Young (FL)
Udall (CO)	Waxman	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—4

Johnson, E.B.	Stark
Lee	Watson (CA)

NOT VOTING—23

Blagojevich	Hostettler	Sanders
Boehner	Jefferson	Shaw
Bono	Luther	Slaughter
Cubin	McDermott	Trafigant
Davis, Tom	Oxley	Weldon (PA)
Fossella	Riley	Wilson (SC)
Frelinghuysen	Roukema	Young (AK)
Frost	Ryan (WI)	

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 11 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be in Washington, DC, today because I was participating at a conference hosted by the International Justice Mission (IJM) in Salt Lake City, UT. As a result, I missed three votes. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in support of H.J. Res 82 (rollcall No. 11) and H. Res 340. I would have voted against H. Con. Res. 312 (rollcall No. 10).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" or "aye" on rollcall votes 9 and 11. I would have voted "no" or "nay" on rollcall votes 8 and 10.

PAT KING POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the Senate bill (S. 1026) to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, because, as a matter of fact,

I rise in support of S. 1026, legislation designating the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the Pat King Post Office Building. However, I would like to ask the gentleman from Florida for further comments.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1026, introduced by the distinguished Senator from New Jersey ROBERT TORRICELLI, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the Pat King Post Office Building. A bill for the same purpose was introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRANK PALLONE).

Mr. Speaker, Detective Sergeant Pat King was the most decorated police officer in Long Branch, New Jersey's history. Tragically, he was killed in the line of duty by a career criminal from out of State in November of 1997. Pat King is survived by his wife Maureen and two sons.

I urge adoption of S. 1026, and I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the author of this legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank not only the chairman and the ranking member, who are here today, but also the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) for their support in bringing this bill to the floor, the bill, S. 1026, to name the Long Branch, New Jersey, post office after a hero, Detective Sergeant Pat King.

Let me start out, Mr. Speaker, by saying that Long Branch is my hometown. I have lived there my entire life. The post office that will be named after Sergeant King is a post office that I have been going to since I was a little boy and a post office where my grandfather actually worked as a letter carrier. I also knew Sergeant King personally, and I know his mother and his entire family.

As was mentioned, on November 20 of 1997, Sergeant Pat King was killed by a career criminal from out of State who made his living promoting prostitution and selling drugs. On this particular day, the assailant went gunning for a police officer, any police officer. He was not looking specifically for Pat King, but he found Pat King, and Sergeant King was killed because he was wearing an officer's uniform.

Following the shooting, the assailant went on an hour-long crime spree, including a chase and an exchange of gunfire that injured other officers. He finally shot himself with a second gun, Officer King's gun.

Mr. Speaker, S. 1026 is an identical bill I introduced in the House naming the Long Branch post office after Pat King. I cannot express how important this is not only to Sergeant King and his wife, but to the entire Long Branch Police Force and to the community. Officer King was only 45, and he was the most decorated police officer in the history of the city of Long Branch.

By passing this bill we not only pay tribute to him, but we honor all the police officers across the country that have died in the hands of vicious criminals. And if there is any year that we can truly appreciate the contributions of police and firemen, it is certainly this year.

Mr. Speaker, for a police officer the mere act of donning a uniform makes him an immediate target for sick and criminal minds. Each call presents dangers and threats we cannot begin to imagine. It is my hope that in naming the post office after Pat King, we will be paying to tribute to individuals so dedicated to their fellow human beings that they are willing to die to protect our security. It is a way to honor the bravery and unselfishness of our men and women in uniform. It is a way to remind young people that dedicating a career to helping others is a path deeply admired by their community.

To Pat's widow Maureen and her children, I want to say that I hope this tribute provides them with some small comfort that their husband and father will not be forgotten, not by the people of Long Branch and not by the Congress of the United States.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT).

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois and the gentleman from Florida and join strongly and emotionally in the remarks of my friend and colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), who grew up near this post office, knew this law enforcement officer, knew Pat King, and understands the respect with which he was held in his town of Long Branch.

It is really very fitting that we do this. It is an honor not only for Sergeant Pat King, but for all law enforcement officers. It will be a daily reminder to the people of Monmouth County, to all of New Jersey, to all who pass through this post office that law enforcement officers live day and night just an instant away from danger.

It is also, I think, a testimonial to Maureen King, Pat King's widow. Maureen King is very much not a victim. She has suffered real grief, but she has not turned that grief inward. She has become deeply involved in safety issues in New Jersey, turned her talent to see that this sort of thing never happens again. She has taken this grief and turned it to something positive. She has become one of the leaders of Cease Fire New Jersey, advocating for